

**BAYFIELD COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES BOARD MEETING**

**Emergency Operations Center**

**March 23, 2006**

**Board Members Present:** Richard Compton, Clarence Henkel, Neil Paulson, Marco Bichanich, Mary Podlesny, Delores Kittleson (4:10)

**Members Excused:** Tom Allen, Verne Gilles, Vicki Redenbaugh

**Staff Present:** Elizabeth Skulan, Denise Kontny, Carrie Linder, Jan Karlen, Marianne Johnson

**Call to Order and Introductions:**

R. Compton called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

**Review of the Tentative Agenda:**

The Program Presentation will be on Medicare Part D.

M. Bichanich motioned to approve the agenda as amended. Seconded by N. Paulson. Motion carried.

**Review of the February 23, 2006 Minutes:**

The minutes of the February 23, 2006 meeting were reviewed. The minutes will be amended to show M. Podlesny as excused.

M. Bichanich motioned to approve the February 23, 2006 minutes as amended. Seconded by C. Henkel. Motion carried.

**Program Presentation – Medicare Part D, Aging & Disabilities Section**

Benefit Specialist Marianne Johnson gave a presentation on the Medicare Part D program. Board members expressed their concern with the May 15 enrollment cutoff date. There was a discussion on outreach activities that might be implemented to encourage enrollment.

**Monthly Section Reports:**

**Economic Support**

No report.

**Support Services**

The 2005 Long Term Care reconciliations and final state claims have been completed and submitted.

**Family Services**

Five candidates of approximately thirty applicants will be interviewed for the vacant Family Services Social Worker position.

J. Tousignant, AODA Case Manager will be retiring effective April 28<sup>th</sup>.

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The committee reviewed a handout on Preventing Crime: What Works, What Doesn't, What's Promising that was distributed at the Criminal Justice meeting.

**Aging & Disability Services**

A new meal delivery van will be purchased in 2007. The current van handles very poorly in winter conditions.

Four applicants of approximately fifteen applicants will be interviewed for the vacant Long Term Care Case Manager position.

Bayfield County has received a \$2500 grant to provide training on Elder Abuse.

C. Linder recently attended a meeting on transportation. New information regarding federal funding was obtained.

**Monthly Reports:**

The monthly Financial, Training, and Waiting List reports were reviewed.

C. Henkel motioned to approve the monthly reports. Seconded by M. Podlesny. Motion carried.
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**Hospital Billing Format 2006**

DHFS is preparing a legal opinion to clarify what type of services counties are required to pay for emergency detention services. Until that documentation is received, the county will not negotiate a contract with MMC for emergency detentions.

**New Provider Inquiry**

The committee reviewed two letters from SSI Independent Living Center, Inc. regarding their interest in being a service provider for Bayfield County. A response will be sent upon review by corporation counsel.

**2005 Contract Issues**

Two meetings have been held with the Red Cliff Tribe to resolve 2005 contract issues. The tribe is seeking additional funding for 2005 placement costs at Mishomis House.

**Northwest Wisconsin – Long-Term Care Options (NW-LTCO)**

The committee viewed a power point presentation on the NW-LTCO regional planning grant.

**Other**

**TABOR**

The committee reviewed the article Wisconsin Taxpayer Protection Amendments: The new TABOR from the March 2006 Wisconsin Counties magazine.

The WCHSA Conference is scheduled on May 17 – 19, 2006. Board members are encouraged to attend.

N. Paulson updated the committee on issues presented at the NACO Conference.

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**Future Meeting Dates:**

The future meeting dates were scheduled as follows:

- April 27, 2006
- May 25, 2006
- June 22, 2006

**Adjournment:**

D. Kittleson motioned to adjourn. Seconded by M. Podlesny. Motion carried.
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The meeting adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

Submitted by:

Denise Kontny  
Financial Manager